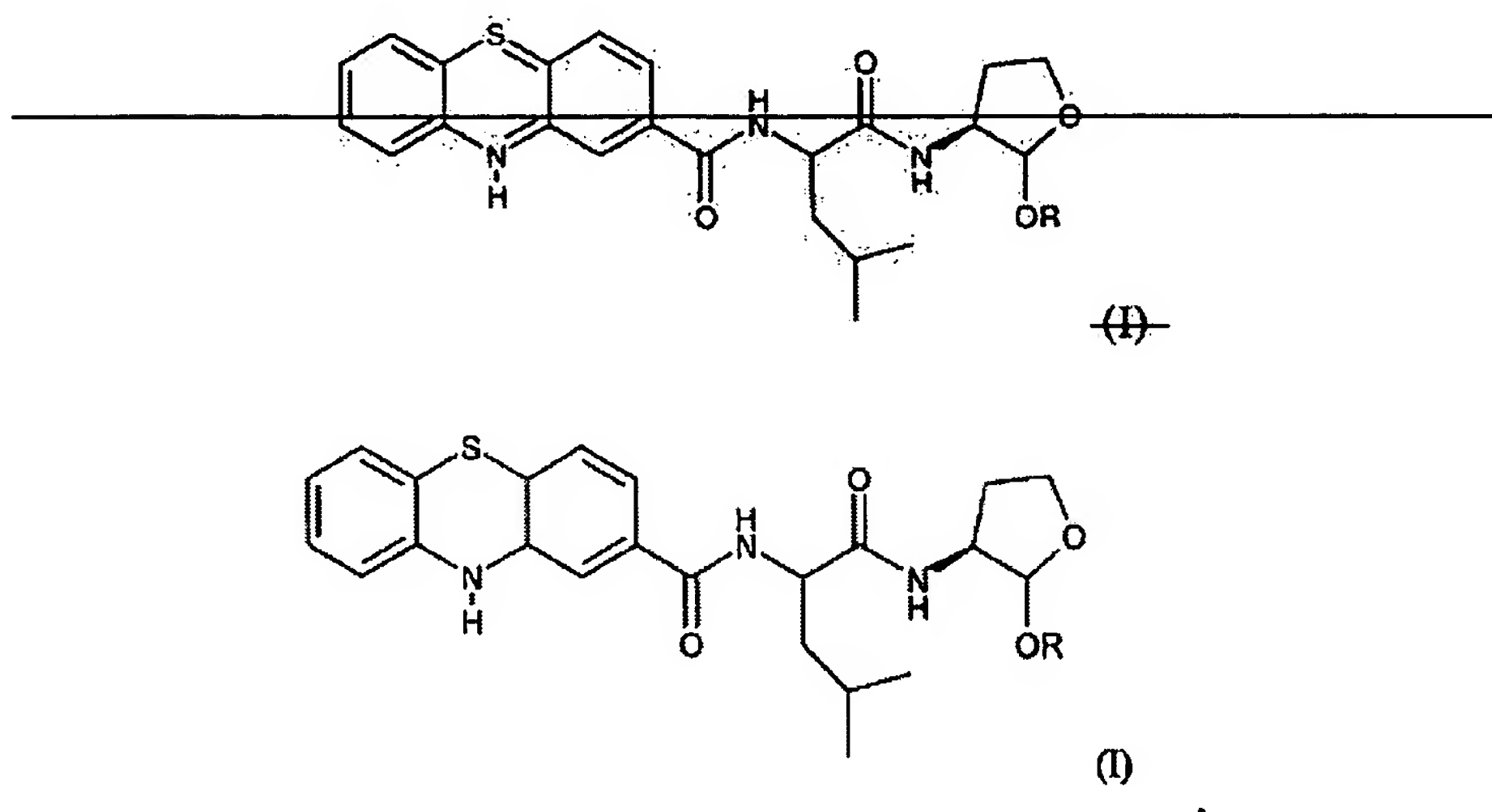


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method of preventing and/or treating hearing loss comprising administering a heterocyclic derivative corresponding to the of formula



~~in the form of~~ diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or any combinations thereof of these forms,
~~in which~~ wherein R ~~represents the~~ is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R'
 radical

~~in which~~ wherein R' ~~represents~~ is a heterocycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;
 the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical
 or different ~~substituents chosen from~~ substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)
 alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

R₁ and R₂ ~~represent,~~ are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, or R₁ and R₂
 form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted
 heterocycle;

~~for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.~~

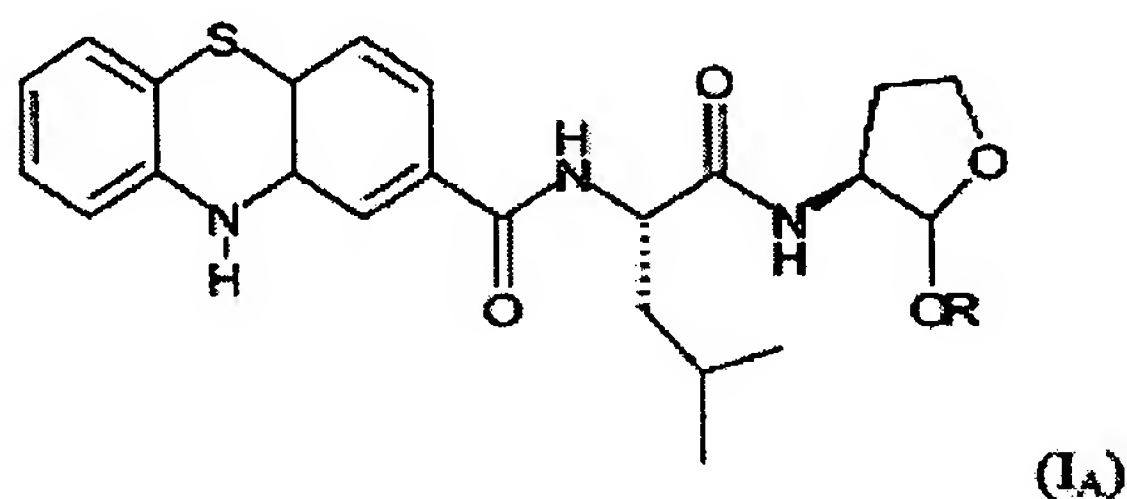
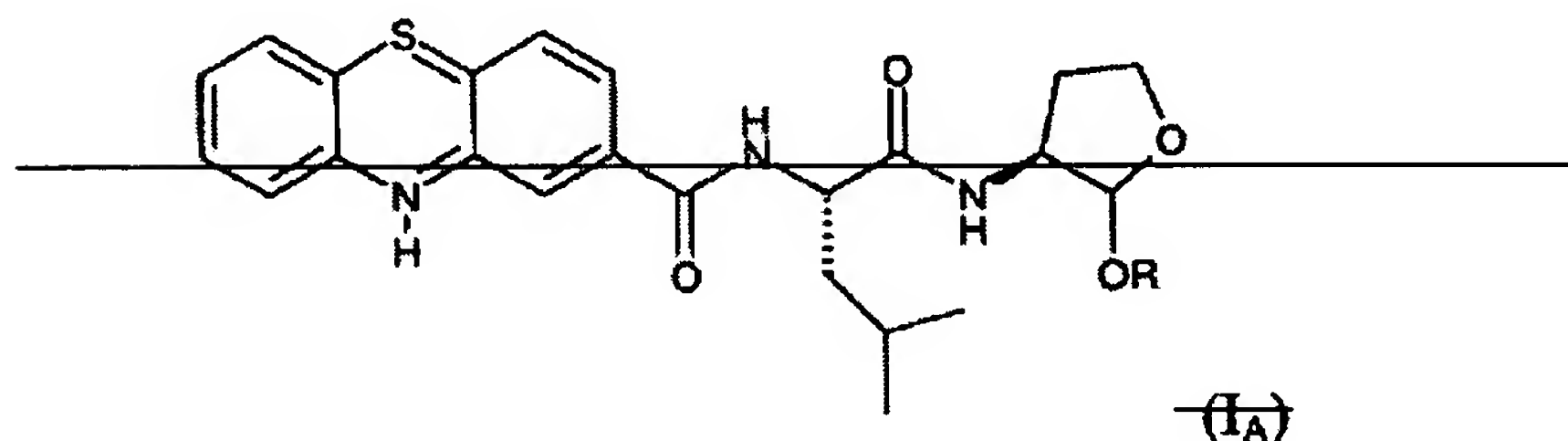
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
 R ~~represents~~ is -C(O)R'.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 2, characterized in that wherein
~~R' represents~~ is an alkyl radical.

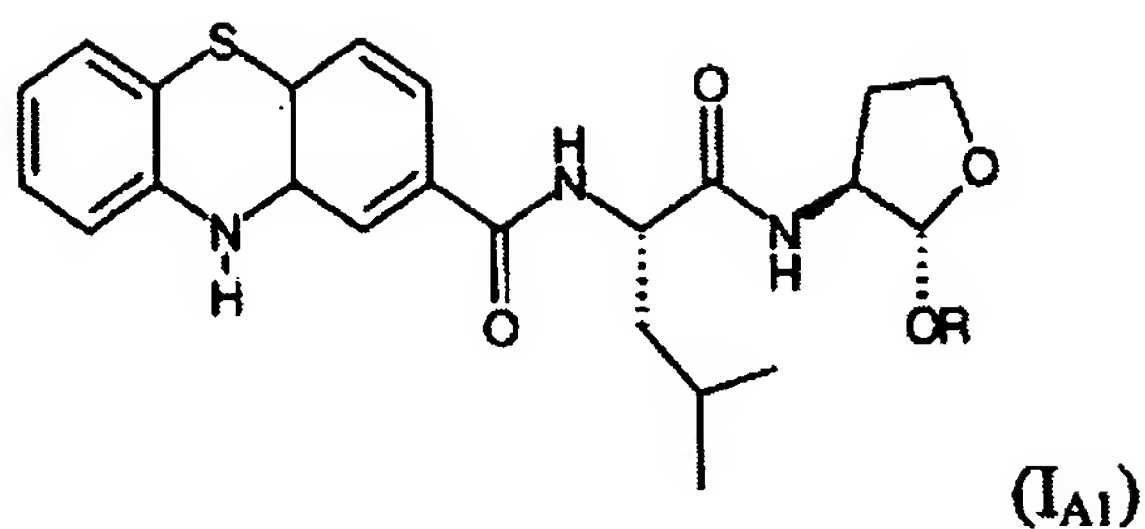
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 3, characterized in that wherein
~~R represents~~ is -C(O)-CH₃.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 1, characterized in that wherein
~~R represents~~ is hydrogen.

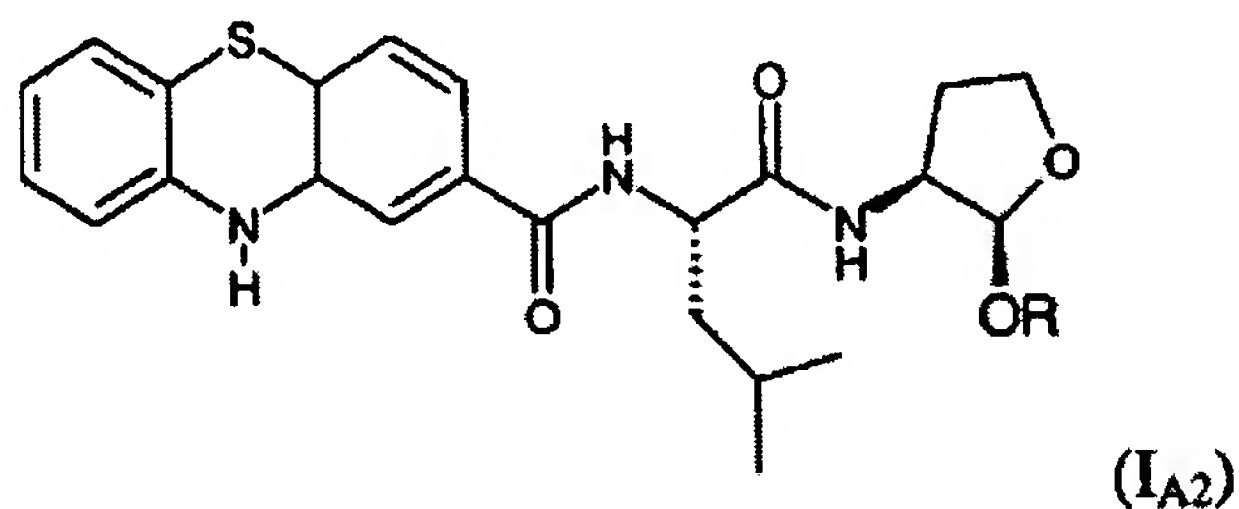
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to one of the preceding claims~~ The method of claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the compound derivative (I) has the formula



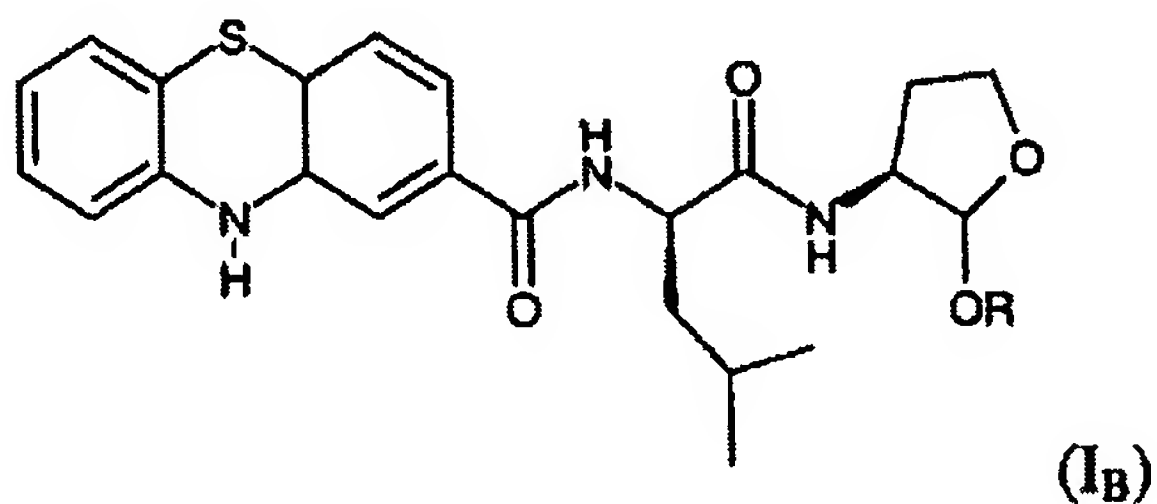
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 6 1, characterized in that
wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



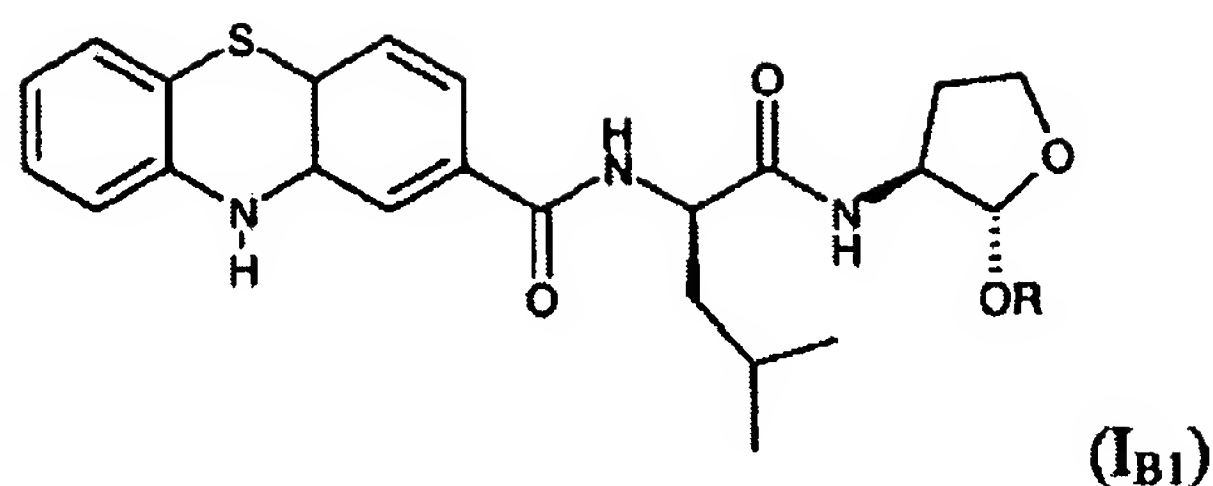
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 6 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



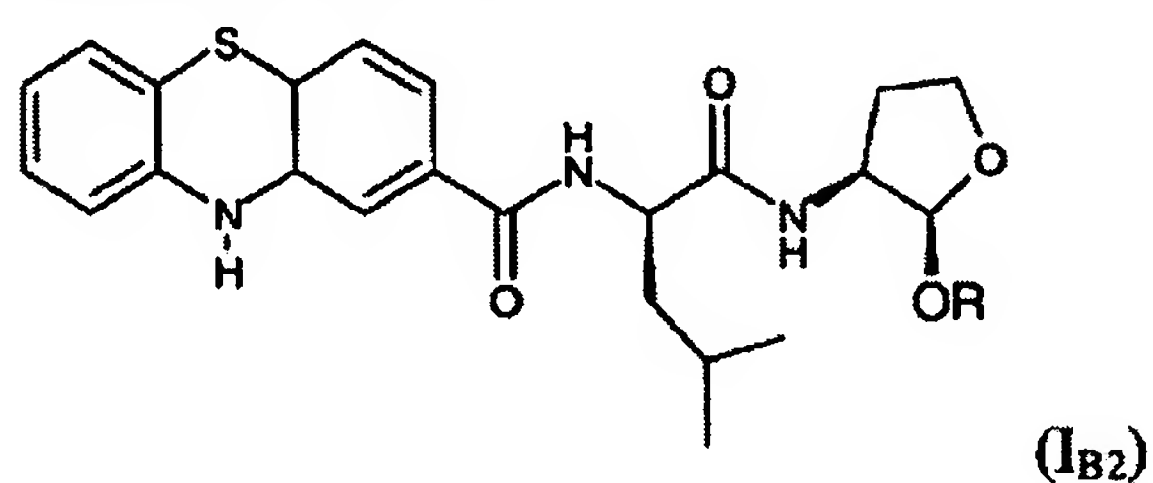
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of one of claims 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that~~
that wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



10. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 8 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the compound derivative (I) has the formula



11. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 8 ~~1, characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~compound~~ derivative (I) has the formula



12. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to one of the preceding claims~~ The method of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a pre-treatment.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method ~~one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in~~ that wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a post-treatment.

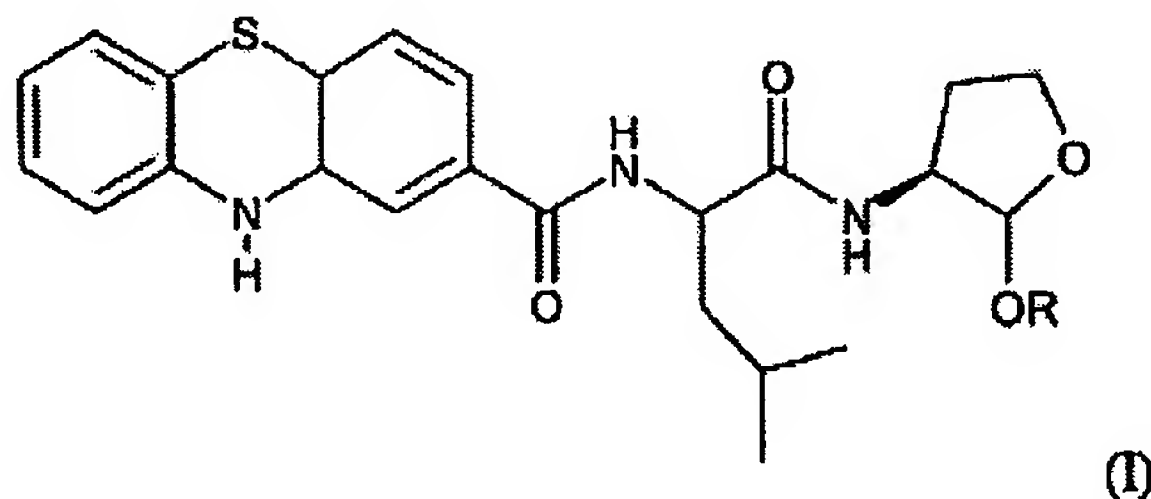
14. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to one of the preceding claims,~~ The method of claim 1 wherein the derivative is administered for the preparation of a medicament intended to prevent and/or treat hearing loss following the administration of a medicament.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 14, following the ~~administration of another~~ wherein the medicament chosen from, includes anti-cancer drugs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, diuretics, antiulceratives, anticonvulsant agents, or combinations thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 15 ~~14, following the~~ ~~administration of~~ wherein the medicament is an antibiotic.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.
18. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method ~~one of claims 1 to 13,~~ wherein said ~~method for the preparation of a medicament intended to~~ prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.
19. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method ~~one of claims 1 to 13,~~ wherein said ~~method for the preparation of a medicament intended to~~ prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.
20. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the compound (I) is administered in the 7 hours ~~and preferably in the hour~~ following the acoustic traumatism.
21. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to one of the preceding claims,~~ The method of claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the compound derivative (I) is combined with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity.
22. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~Use according to~~ The method of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the compound (I) is ~~combined~~ administered in combination with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity which is able to prevent and/or treat hearing loss or to prevent and/or treat any pathologies associated with hearing loss.
23. (Currently Amended) ~~Use according to~~ The method of one of claims 21 ~~to~~ or 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the other substance with pharmaceutical activity is ~~chosen from~~ includes: antioxidants, calpain inhibitors, peripheral vasodilators, agonists or antagonists of the NMDA receptor, ~~and~~ peptide inhibitors of c-Jun N-terminal kinase or combinations thereof.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~Product~~ A product comprising
 (A) a heterocyclic derivative of formula (I); ~~as defined in one of claims 1 to 11,~~



diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,
 wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical
 wherein R' is a heterocycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;
 the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical
 or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen
 or -NR₁R₂;
 R₁ and R₂ are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, or R₁ and R₂ form
 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle;
 and
 (B) at least one substance with therapeutic activity, ~~as a combination product for a use which is~~
~~simultaneous, separate or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.~~

25. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Product~~ according to claim 1 24, wherein said method ~~to~~
prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of a medicament.

26. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Product~~ according to claim 25, wherein said method ~~to~~
prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of an antibiotic, ~~and preferably~~
~~gentamicin.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Product~~ according to claim 1 24, wherein said method ~~to~~
prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.

28. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Product~~ according to claim 1 24, wherein said method ~~to~~
prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~As a medicament,~~ comprising the a product as defined in ~~one of~~ claims 24 to ~~28~~.

30. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in the hour following the acoustic traumatism.

31. (New) The product of claim 24, wherein said product is in a form suitable for administration simultaneously, separately or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.

32. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.